



MINUTES

April 4, 2017
Submitted by President Correas

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Graduate Student Assembly was called to order at 7:00 PM on March 7, 2017 in the Nebraska Union. President Correas chaired the meeting and recorded the minutes.

Excused were: Educational Administration, History and Philosophy.

Absent were: Agronomy and Horticulture, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and Colin McGinnis (Educational Psychology).

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

OPEN FORUM

Tina Kotsakou (Agricultural Economics) pointed out that the Graduate Travel Awards Program (GTAP) application through NUGrant had some issues and did not allow several students in her department to finish their submissions. Julia Reilly (Political Science and GTAP Co-Chair) elaborated on the situation, and the steps that were taken to address it. Brian Liston-Clark (Economics) suggested the application period be extended for three days. Kofi Britwun (GTAP Co-Chair) expressed concerns about extending the application for so long, as reviewers need time to go over the applications, and there is a notification deadline. Lauren Segal (Plant Pathology and Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chair) moved to extend the deadline to Wednesday, April 5 at 11:59 pm. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

President Correas reported that Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Juan Franco will be returning to the faculty and that there will be an internal search to fill the position of Dean of Graduate Studies, that will be combined with the new position of Associate Vice Chancellor for Graduate Education. He remarked that the University is working with the Legislature and the Board of Regents to address the expected budget shortfall.

Executive Vice President Da Silva was excused.

Vice President of Student Affairs Rodene reported on the parking survey results.

Vice President of Representation Poudel reported on University-wide committees.

Vice President of Finance Twedt had no report.

BUSINESS

GSA Bill #32 "A bill amending the GSA Bylaws" was introduced by President Correas. Questions and



debate followed. There was a motion to adopt the bill, which was seconded, and unanimously carried by roll call vote.

- Voting aye (50):
 - Accountancy (School of).
 - Actuarial Science (Master of Science in).
 - Agricultural Economics.
 - Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication.
 - Animal Science.
 - Anthropology.
 - Architectural Engineering and Construction (Durham School of).
 - Architecture (College of).
 - Art, Art History and Design (School of).
 - Biochemistry.
 - Biological Sciences (School of).
 - Biological Systems Engineering.
 - Business Administration (Master of/Master of Arts in).
 - Chemistry.
 - Child, Youth and Family Studies.
 - Civil Engineering.
 - Communications Studies.
 - Community and Regional Planning (Master of).
 - Computer Science and Engineering.
 - Earth and Atmospheric Sciences.
 - Economics.
 - Educational Psychology.
 - Electrical and Computer Engineering.
 - English.
 - Entomology.
 - Environmental Engineering (Master of Science in).
 - Finance.
 - Food Science and Technology.
 - Journalism and Mass Communications (College of).
 - Marketing.
 - Mathematics.
 - Mechanical and Materials Engineering.
 - Modern Languages and Literatures.
 - Music (Glenn Korff School of).
 - Natural Resources (School of).
 - Nutrition and Health Sciences.
 - Physics and Astronomy.
 - Plant Pathology.
 - Political Science.
 - Psychology.
 - Sociology.
 - Special Education and Communication Disorders.
 - Statistics.
 - Survey Research and Methodology (Program in).
 - Teaching, Learning and Teacher Education.
 - Textiles, Merchandising and Fashion Design.
 - Theater and Film (Johnny Carson School of).
 - Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences (School of).



- Matthew Guzman (English).
- Joseph Reed (Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences).
- Wahiduz Zaman (Mechanical and Materials Engineering).
- Voting nay (0).
- Abstentions (0).

ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

President Correas opened the floor and read the nominations received for officers and standing committee chairs.

President Correas opened the floor for nominations for the GSA Outstanding Member Award:

- Heather Vorhees (Communication Studies) nominated GTAP Co-Chairs Kofi Britwun and Julia Reilly.
- Joseph Reed (At-Large) nominated Professional Development Chair Maggi Sliwinski.
- Daniel Clausen (English and Academic Affairs Co-Chair) nominated Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chair Lauren Segal.

President Correas invited nominees for officers and standing committee chairs to address the assembly in reverse order of nomination:

- Social Events Chair: Vincent Perez (Biochemistry).
- Professional Development Co-Chairs: Chelsea Stehle (Biological Sciences) and Matthew Thompson (Environmental Engineering).
- GTAP Co-Chairs: Sabrina Brown (Earth and Atmospheric Sciences) and Heather Vorhees (Communication Studies).
- Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chairs: Aditya Gupta (Marketing) and Mykesha Jackson (Child, Youth and Family Studies).
- Academic Affairs Co-Chairs: Daniel Clausen (English) and Sogan Hassanzadeh (Architectural Engineering and Construction).
- Vice President of Finance: Max Twedt (Biological Systems Engineering).
- Vice President of Representation: Rachana Poudel (Food Science and Technology).
- Vice President of Student Affairs:
 - Eric Rodene (Computer Science and Engineering).
 - Julia Reilly (Political Science).

Voting was conducted electronically and results were:

- Vice President of Student Affairs: Julia Reilly (39), Eric Rodene (11).
- Vice President of Representation: Rachana Poudel (48).
- Vice President of Finance: Max Twedt (48).
- Academic Affairs Co-Chairs: Daniel Clausen and Sogand Hassanzadeh (48).
- Diversity and Inclusion Co-Chairs: Aditya Gupta and Mykesha Jackson (48).
- GTAP Co-Chairs: Sabrina Brown and Heather Vorhees (48).
- Professional Development Co-Chairs: Chelsea Stehle and Matthew Thompson (48).
- Social Events Chair: Vincent Perez (48).
- GSA Outstanding Member Award: Julia Reilly and Kofi Britwun (23), Maggi Sliwinski (13), Lauren Segal (12), Soon Kiat Lau (1).

President Correas nominated Dr. Christina Falci, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology as GSA Advisor. The motion to approve the nomination carried by voice vote.



Vice President of Representation Poudel nominated Rami Ziara (Civil Engineering) to the Chancellor's Sustainability Commission, Julie Grives (Music) to the Commencement and Honors Convocations Committee and the Convocations Committee, Brittany Piper (Sociology) to the Grading and Examinations Committee, Max Twedt (Biological Systems Engineering) to the Information Technologies and Services Committee, Jeremy Caldwell (English) to the Libraries Committee, and Raeda Anderson (Sociology) and Erica Miller (Mathematics) to the Teaching Council. President Correas nominated Curtis Walker (Earth and Atmospheric Sciences) to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department Advisory Board and Rachana Poudel (Food Science and Technology) to the Course and Laboratory Fees Advisory Committee. The motion to approve all nominations carried by voice vote. Nominations were forwarded to the ASUN Senate for confirmation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lauren Segal (Plant Pathology and Academic Affairs Co-Chair) announced that the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Community was conferred to herself and Ignacio Correas.

ADJOURNMENT

The Graduate Student Assembly meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM by President Correas. The next regular meeting will be at 7:00 PM on September 5, 2017 in the Nebraska Union.